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Firefighters Suppressing New Lightning Ignited Fire in the Rincon Mountains

Tucson, AZ – Fire managers are responding to a new lightning-ignited fire in Saguaro National Park's Rincon Mountain District. The Tanque Verde Fire is located on Tanque Verde Ridge, near Juniper Basin. It is burning in grass and juniper at an elevation of approximately 6,000 feet. The fire was first reported today at approximately 2:30 pm. It is currently estimated to be approximately 10 acres.

The fire is located south of the Tanque Verde Ridge Trail. The Tanque Verde Trail from the trailhead at Javelina Picnic Area to Cow Head Saddle is closed, as is the Juniper Basin Campground.

There are no structures threatened by the fire at this time however the fire will be suppressed to protect nearby Sonoran desert vegetation. The park plans to fly in fire firefighters to begin suppressing the fire this afternoon.

As information about the Tanque Verde Fire becomes available it will be posted to <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4030/>

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